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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SUKLIKAR ET AL.

Examiner

Adam M Queler

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 April 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 8 and 15-31 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☐ Claim(s) 8 and 15-31 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 March 2000 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: RCE and Amendment filed 04/21/2005.
2. Claims 8 and 15-31 are pending in the case. Claims 8 and 23 are independent claims.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

3. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 04/21/2005 has been entered.

Drawings

4. Figure 1 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

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6. Claims 8 and 15-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The specification appears to be written for one who has a working knowledge of Siebel's web engine, as there are several terms that are not defined or used differently than their commonly accepted meaning. As such, one of ordinary skill in the art would have to resort to undue experimentation to understand the invention, much less make and/or use the invention.

For example, it is not clear what a display object is. In the specification (p. 6) an object is defined as "a repository representation of an HTF." "HTF" is never similarly defined. The claim language and the specification are replete with similar ambiguities. Objects are defined in terms of other objects and an actual example is never shown. "Applet" while no longer used in the claims, also seems to be used in different manner than its common meaning. Applets are defined as having controls and fields, also with no meaning attached to them. Claim 8 recites "objects containing information about tags that provide directives for creating the web page." It is unclear whether the "information" or the "tags" contain the "directives." It is similarly unclear as to what the information entails. Business object model is also not adequately defined. It is unclear how a business object model can be comprised of web pages, and then be transformed in to web pages as the "page delivery language" application.

7. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

8. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

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Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

9. Claims 8 and 15-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As described above, the lack of enablement, and ambiguity in the claims renders the scope of the claims indefinite. For examining purposes only the claims will be rejected using what is determined to be the closest art available, until the metes and bounds of the claims are more fully determined.

Claim 15 provides for the use of the object model for preparing a entering an order, but, since the claim does not set forth any steps involved in the method/process, it is unclear what method/process applicant is intending to encompass. A claim is indefinite where it merely recites a use without any active, positive steps delimiting how this use is actually practiced. Claims 16-17, and 24-26 are similarly rejected. For examining purposes only, this limitation will not be considered.

Claims 15-17 and 24-26 are is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed recitation of a use, without setting forth any steps involved in the process, results in an improper definition of a process, i.e., results in a claim which is not a proper process claim under 35 U.S.C. 101. See for example *Ex parte Dunki*, 153 USPQ 678 (Bd.App. 1967) and *Clinical Products, Ltd. v. Brenner*, 255 F. Supp. 131, 149 USPQ 475 (D.D.C. 1966).

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Claim's 24-31 recite the limitation "the computer readable medium" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this s limitation in the claim. For examining purposes only, the claims will be taken to be dependent on claim 23, as it appears was intended.

The term "consistent" in claims 19 and 28 is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite. The term "consistent" is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

10. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

11. Claims 8, 15-17, 21-26 and 30-31 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Simonoff et al. (US006005568A, filed 12/21/1999).

Regarding independent claim(s) 8 and 23, Simonoff teaches an object model for performing a task (col. 3, ll. 44-59). Simonoff teaches a display objects based on the models (col. 5, ll. 43-53). Simonoff teaches templates for controlling the presentation, including a placeholder (applet tag) for binding the object (col. 5, ll. 54-67). Simonoff teaches assembling them into a page delivery language thin client application (col. 8, ll. 49-50).

Regarding dependent claim(s) 15-17 and 24-26, because of the indefinite scope of the claims as described above, the claims are similarly rejected as claims 8 and 23 above.

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Regarding dependent claim(s) 21 and 30, Simonoff discloses HTML (col. 5, ll. 54-67).

Regarding dependent claim(s) 22 and 31, Simonoff teaches applets and HTML files (col. 5, ll. 54-67). These are inherently stored separate from each other.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

12. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

13. Claims 20 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Simonoff.

Regarding dependent claim(s) 20 and 29, Simonoff does not explicitly disclose editing HTML with an HTML development tool. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use an HTML development tool, because the templates were HTML files (col. 5, ll. 54-67).

14. Claims 18, 19, 27, and 28 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Simonoff, and further in view of Lipkin (US 20020049788A1, provisional date 1/14/2000).

Regarding dependent claim(s) 18 and 27, Simonoff does not explicitly disclose maintaining style with CSS. Lipkin teaches maintaining style with CSS (para. 750). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use CSS, as it would enable the pages to have a specific look-and-feel (para. 750).

Regarding dependent claim(s) 19 and 28, Simonoff does not explicitly disclose maintaining consistency. Lipkin teaches maintaining consistency with CSS (para. 750). It would have been

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obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use CSS, as it would enable the pages to have a specific look-and-feel (para. 750).

Response to Arguments

15. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 8 and 15-31 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion


16. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adam M Queler whose telephone number is (571) 272-4140. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather R Herndon can be reached on (571) 272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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